



# PRESS RELEASE

April 16, 2018

**EVENT:** Prescription Drug Take Back Day

**LOCATION:** San Bruno Police Department

**EVENT DATE:** April 28, 2018

**EVENT TIME:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the San Bruno Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will provide the public an opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted medications. Bring your pills for disposal to the San Bruno Police Department located at 1177 Huntington Avenue in San Bruno. We are unable to receive liquids, needles, or sharps devices. Pills and patches will be accepted for destruction. This service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#) or contact San Bruno Police Community Service Officer Leticia Soto at (650) 616-7100.